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Group Art Unit: 3738

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated November 17, 2000 be extended one month from February 17, 2001 to March 19, 2001 (March 17, 2001 being a Saturday) by the filing of this Petition and fee payment. Applicants concurrently are filing a Continued Prosecution Application.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$55.00 for a one month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1295 referencing docket number KV-28.21. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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